[President.]

ning to say that the quota of rice supplied is very bad and therefore they will strike work from such and such a date. In fact, here is a report from Alleppey that the Coir workers are going to strike work on account of the bad quality of the rice supplied to them. In that state of mind which prevails not only here, but throughout India, to make the suggestion that the Government are stealing money or starting monopolies, is very unsatisfactory.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: There is no such insinuation.

President: Honourable member will kindly see the point. I do not want to blame the honourable member, especially as such questions are being asked by other honourable members. Nor do I wish to blame the honourable members, but I do fully realise the fact that having heard some rumour the honourable member might have got agitated and put the question. But I want to make it clear that if honourable members come to hear of such things--for example, one honourable member in the other House went on to suggest that the aerodrome was built because the Dewan wanted to fly constantly to Delhi, which was a legitimate question—before finding out the exact facts, they should not put such questions. I am not blaming the honourable member. I am only pointing out the difficulty that may arise by such questions which give room for the possibility of inferences.

Food grains.

10. ***Mr. A. N. Satyanesan:** Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of food-grains, received from outside from 1st Chingom to end of Medom 1121?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: 67,868 tons of foodgrains.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: സാധാരണ സംഗതിയിൽ സംസ്ഥാനമൊട്ടുക്ക് ഒരു മാസത്തേക്കു എത്രമാത്രം ആഹാരസാധനങ്ങൾ വേണ്ടി വരുമെന്നു കണക്കെടുക്കുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: Yer, Sir.

Audit of Accounts of the Food Supply Department.

11. ***Mr. Paul A. Thaliath:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any audit of accounts of the grain-purchasing and distributing section of the Food Supply Department has been carried out in the years 1118, 1119, 1120 and 1121;

(*b*) whether any audit reports have been received for any of these years; and

(*c*) if so, the amount of loss or gain made during these years respectively?

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